The purpose of this Code is to:

- uphold INTEGRITY, RESPECT and RESPONSIBILITY as the core values that underpin the teaching profession
- guide teachers in making decisions about professional issues
- inspire, promote and enhance public confidence in the teaching profession

The Code of Ethics articulates the three core values South Australian teachers highlighted as underpinning the teaching profession in South Australia: integrity, respect and responsibility. The Code is not intended as an instrument of compliance but as a framework to assist teachers to reflect on decision making and ethical issues.

Respect

We act with courtesy and compassion and advocate for our learners, acknowledging and valuing learners’ diverse backgrounds, abilities and behaviours. We foster critical thinking and action, valuing the contributions of our educational communities, to influence positive futures.

Responsibility

We provide high quality teaching and care through continuing our professional learning, working with our educational partners in the best interest of learners and upholding our professional standards.

Integrity

We are honest and trustworthy in our relationships, upholding the dignity and honour of the profession